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SEN. J. W. FULBRIGHT
Questions CIA Chief

CIA Queried On Employee's Viet Writings

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WASHINGTON (Spl.) — Sen. J. W. Fulbright (D-Ark.) has queried the Central Intelligence Agency about the published writings on Viet Nam of a CIA official whose affiliation with the agency was not disclosed. Fulbright, it was learned, asked CIA director William F. Raborn whether it is a good idea for CIA employees to write for publication — especially when their connection with the agency is not revealed.

Fulbright wrote to Raborn about two weeks ago after learning that the author of the

lead article in the April issue of Foreign Affairs, a prestigious American quarterly, is a CIA analyst. The article, by George A. Carver, Jr., is entitled, "The Faceless Viet Cong."

It was understood that Fulbright also asked Raborn whether the CIA would have cleared Carver's article for publication if it had been critical of the Johnson administration's Viet Nam policy.

Fulbright, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, has been a leading critic of that policy.

In his reply, Raborn is understood to have said that the magazine solicited the article and that the CIA cleared it for security.

As to the basic policy questions raised by Fulbright, Raborn reportedly said he would be glad to discuss them in a meeting with the senator.

Aides to Fulbright refused to release the letters without authority from the senator. Fulbright could not be reached for comment.

A CIA spokesman confirmed that Raborn and Fulbright had exchanged letters on the Carver article, but declined to reveal what was said.

Describing Carver as an "overt employee," the spokesman said that some CIA employees are permitted to write for publication, but that all such material must be submitted for security clearance.

The spokesman said normal CIA policy is that those whose writings are published may not be identified as agency employees. However, there have been exceptions, he said.

Some congressional sources said the Carver incident "raises the obvious question of whether the article was planted by the CIA."

Philip W. Quigg, managing editor of Foreign Affairs, stressed, however, that the magazine solicited not only this article but also another on Viet Nam by Carver that was published a year ago.

But Quigg, reached at his New York office, declined to say how the magazine became aware of Carver.